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THE BOOK OF FRIENDSHIP

NOT wealth or honor do I ask
As youth grows into age,
But that my name be writ upon
The Book of Friendship's page.

If only I may know the joy,
When near Life's journey's end,
Of clasping hands with those I love
As friend doth welcome friend;

If only I have learned to love,
When on Death's face I look;
If only I may see my name,
Inscribed in Friendship's Book!

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FROM ME TO YOU

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LIFE is a matter of mutual exchange. The man who gives nothing, gets nothing. The attempt to get something for nothing is equally futile in business, in society and in friendship. Legitimate trade is merely a matter of exchange for mutual benefit; society demands social service before it grants recognition; and one cannot make friends until he has been a friend to others.

It is this giving and taking, this recognition of our mutual need that has held the world together; it is at the basis of all our civilization and the one who fails to understand this fundamental human relation has missed the meaning of Life.

Of all the "exchanges" that come into one's life that of friendship is the most spontaneous and the most beautiful. One chooses one's friends — a little circle of loyal comrades — out of a world full of eager, active toiling men and women. We give them our love, our faith and our confidence, and we receive theirs in return. We come to understand each other, to share each other's thoughts instinctively, and to need each other's companionship. The making of friends is the highest joy in living, and the keeping of friends should be the first business of our lives.

The meaning of friendship has been one of the sacred topics of all literatures. Poets and singers and seers have tried to

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define it and failed. It eludes all of us until we discover it for ourselves in our own lives, — and even then it baffles definition, meaning different things at different times and never the same for any two individualities.

Out of many volumes and from many authors these little "friendly thoughts" have been gathered in the hope that they will serve to carry from me to you something of the meaning of friendship.

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WHAT is the secret of your life?" asked Mrs. Brown-ing of Charles Kingsley; "Tell me that I may make mine beautiful too."

He replied, "I had a friend."



WE just shake hands at meeting
With many that come nigh;
We nod the head in greeting
To many that go by.
But welcome through the gateway
Our few old friends and true;
Then hearts leap up and straightway
There's open house for you,—
Old friends,
There's open house for you!

— *Gerald Massey*



THE best that we find in our travels is an honest friend. \\\
He is a fortunate voyager who finds many.

— *Robert Louis Stevenson*

HERE'S a sigh to those who love me,
And a smile to those who hate;
And whatever sky's above me,
Here's a heart for every fate.

— *Lord Byron*



TRUE friends, like ivy and the wall
Both stand together, and together fall.



AS gold more splendid from the fire appears,
Thus friendship brightens by the length of years.



INFINITE is the help man can yield to man.

— *Thomas Carlyle*

OF all the blessings Heaven doth send,
Of all the gifts that life doth lend,
Of all rewards the utmost end,
Of joys the essence and the blend,—
Here's to the one who'll not pretend
But is, and stays the steadfast friend!



NEVER can I be poor the while I pray,
“Share you my love and store!”
I shall be beggared only on that day
You ask of me no more. — *Theodosia Garrison*

ISHUN a friend who pronounces my actions to be good though they are bad. I like a simple friend, who holds my faults like a looking-glass before my face.

— *Ghorali*



THIS matter of friendship is often regarded slightly as a mere accessory of life, a happy chance if one falls into it, but not as entering into the substance of life. No mistake can be greater. It is, as Emerson says, not a thing of "glass threads or frost-work, but the solidest thing we know."

— *T. T. Munger*



THAT friend who serves, and seeks for gain,
And follows but for form,
Will pack when it begins to rain,
And leave you in the storm.

— *William Shakespeare*



MUCH as worthy friends add to the happiness and value of life, we must in the main depend upon ourselves, and every one is his own best friend or worst enemy.

— *Lord Ebury*



WHAT a thing friendship is —
World without end!

— *Robert Browning*

O FRIEND, my bosom said,
Through thee alone the sky is arched,
Through thee the rose is red,
All things through thee take nobler form,
And look beyond the earth,
The mill-round of our fate appears
A sun-path in thy worth.
Me, too, thy nobleness has taught
To master my despair;
The fountains of my hidden life
Are through thy friendship fair.

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*



EVERY true friend is a glimpse of God.

— *Lucy Larcom*



THE heart-whole, pure in faith, once-written friend,
In life and death are true, unto the end.

— *J. E. Cooke*



ASLENDER acquaintance with the world must convince
every man that actions, not words, are the true criterion
of the attachment of friends; and that the most liberal profes-
sion of good-will is very far from being the surest mark of it.

— *George Washington*



TO make the world a friendly place
One must show it a friendly face.

DE is my friend! The words
 Brought Summer and the birds;
And all my Winter time
 Thawed into running rhyme
And rippled into song,
 Warm, tender, brave and strong.

And so it sings to-day—
So may it sing alway!
Let each mute measure end
With “Still he is my friend.”

— *James Whitcomb Riley*

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I ACCOUNT it one of the greatest demonstrations of real friendship, that a friend can really endeavor to have his friend advanced in honor, in reputation, in the opinion of wit or learning, before himself.

— *Jeremy Taylor*

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THERE is no folly equal to that of throwing away friendship in a world where friendship is so rare.

— *Edward Bulwer-Lytton*

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LET death ope or lock his gate,
 Let the lilies break or bend,
And the iron will of fate
 Sorrows now or fortune send—
As for me, I have a friend!

— *Ernestine Gaffey*

THE man that hails you "Tom" or "Jack,"
And proves by thumps upon your back
How he esteems your merit,
Is such a friend that one had need
Be very much his friend indeed
To pardon or to bear it.

— *Cowper*



FRIENDSHIP cheers like a sunbeam; charms like a good story; inspires like a brave leader; binds like a golden chain; guides like a heavenly vision.

— *Newell Dwight Hillis*



ALL men have their frailties, and whoever looks for a friend without imperfections will never find what he seeks.



SO long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.

— *Robert Louis Stevenson*



WE can never replace a friend. When a man is fortunate enough to have several, he finds they are all different. No one has a double in friendship.

— *J. C. F. Schiller*

GWO men each other loved to that degree,
That either friend did in the other see
A dearer than himself. They lived of old,
Both golden natures in an age of gold.

— *Theocritus*



HE that is thy friend indeed
He will help thee in thy need.

If thou sorrow, he will weep,
If thou wake, he cannot sleep.

Thus, of every grief in heart
He with thee doth bear a part.

These are certain signs to know
Faithful friend from flattering foe.

— *Richard Barnfield*



IN the hours of distress and misery, the eyes of every mortal man turn to friendship; in the hour of gladness and conviviality, what is our want? It is friendship. When the heart overflows with gratitude, or with any other sweet and sacred sentiment, what is the word to which it would give utterance? A friend.

— *Landor*



BE a friend; the rest will follow.

— *Dickerson*

GIVE me one friend, just one, who meets
The needs of all my varying moods;
Be we in noisy city streets,
Or in dear Nature's solitudes.

One who can let the World go by,
And suffer not a minute's pang;
Who'd dare to shock propriety
With me, and never care a hang.

One who can share my grief or mirth,
And know my days to praise or curse;
And rate me just for what I'm worth,
And find me still, — Oh, not so worse!

Give me one friend, for peace or war,
And I shall hold myself well blest,
And richly compensated for
The cussedness of all the rest.

— *Esther M. Clark*



GHE greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved, loved for ourselves, or rather loved in spite of ourselves.

— *Victor Hugo*



A DAY for toil, an hour for sport,
But for a friend is life too short.

— *Emerson*

I THINK when people have forgotten that each other exists, it is as though they had never met. They are perhaps something more distant still than strangers, for to strangers, friendship in the future is possible; but those who have been separated by oblivion on the one hand and by contempt on the other are parted as surely and eternally as though death had divided them.

— *Ouida*



A TRUE friend is an inspiration as well as a comfort, not so much by what he does for us as by what he incites us to do and to be, because of his example, his deeds, and his ideals. What others see in us to admire or to be grateful for is a result of what our friends are, and of what our friends, perhaps all unconsciously, have induced us to strive to become.



GHIS is my friend — through good or ill report,
My friend. He who injures him by word or deed,
Were it but the thin film of an idle breath
Clouding the clear glass of a stainless soul,
He injures me.

— *Richard Hovey*



AFRIEND is worth all the hazards we can run.

— *Edward Young*



HOW sweet, how passing sweet is solitude!
But grant me still a friend in my retreat,
Whom I may whisper — “Solitude is sweet.”

— *La Bruyere*

OF a sudden at a well-known corner,
In the densest throng,
Unexpected at the very moment
As an April robin's gush of song,
Some one smiles; and there's the perfect comrade
I have missed so long.

—Bliss Carman

THE problem of friendship is the problem of life itself.
He who has learned to love — and only he — has learned
to live.

—Henry Churchill King

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AFRIEND is the first person who comes in when the whole
world has gone out.

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WHATEVER the number of a man's friends, there will
be times in his life when he has too few.

—Bulwer-Lytton

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DE who has a thousand friends,
Has not a friend to spare,
And he who has one enemy
Will meet him everywhere.

—Ali Ben Abu Taheb

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FRIENDSHIP'S true laws are by this rule expresset,
Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest.

—Alexander Pope

IF you have a friend worth loving,
Love him, yes, and let him know
That you love him, ere life's evening
Tinge his brow with sunset glow;
Why should good words ne'er be said
Of a friend till he is dead?



BLESSED are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all the power of going out of one's self, and appreciating what is noble and loving in another.

— *Thomas Hughes*



AFRIENDSHIP that makes the least noise is very often the most useful, for which reason I should prefer a prudent friend to a zealous one.

— *Addison*



ATRUE friend unbosoms freely, advises justly, assists readily, adventures boldly, takes all patiently, defends courageously, and continues a friend unchangeably.

— *William Penn*



GHERE is a destiny which makes us brothers, —
None goes on his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others,
Comes back into our own.

— *Edwin Markham*

SO far as I can see, the basis of friendship must be four-fold: integrity, breadth, and depth of personality; some deep community of interests; mutual self-revelation and answering trust; and mutual self-giving.

—Henry Churchill King



I WOULD be friend to all—the foe—the friendless,
I would be giving and forget the gift,
I would be humble, for I know my weakness,
I would look up—and laugh—and love—and lift!

—Howard A. Walter



HOW can we tell what coming people are aboard the ships
that may be sailing to us now from the unknown seas?

—Charles Dickens



FRIENDSHIP above all ties does bind the heart,
And faith in friendship is the noblest part.

—Lord Orrery



IF I had the inclination and ability to do the cruellest thing
upon earth to the man I hated, I would lay him under the
necessity of borrowing money of a friend.

—E. Moore



WHAT do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult
to others?

—George Eliot

TO A FRIEND OF MINE FROM A FRIEND OF THINE

ICOUNT your friendship one of the chiefest pleasures of my life, a comfort in time of doubt and trouble, a joy in time of prosperity and success, and an inspiration at all times. My fondest hope is that I may be worthy of a place in your friendship, and being admitted to that sacred circle, that I may never prove unfaithful to your trust in me. So, I am sending my heartiest wishes to a friend of mine in the hope that you will accept them as from a friend of thine.

— *Edwin Osgood Grover*



WHEN two friends part they should lock up each other's secrets and exchange keys. The truly noble mind has no resentments.



WHEN Zeno was asked what a friend was, he replied, "Another I."

— *Diogenes Laertius*



SOMETIMES there will come an end
To its present faithfulness —
Sometime I may ask in vain
For the touch of it again,
When between us land or sea
Holds it ever back from me.

— *James Whitcomb Riley*

ALITTLE peaceful home
Bounds all my wants and wishes; add to this
My book and friend, and this is happiness.

— *Francesco di Rioja*



THE language of friendship is not words, but meanings. It
is an intelligence above language.

— *Henry David Thoreau*



BE my friend, and teach me to be thine. — *Emerson*



OF our mixed life two quests are given control;
Food for the body, friendship for the soul.

— *Arthur Upson*



DAPPY is the house that shelters a friend. — *Emerson*



THE name of friend is common, but faith in friendship is
rare. — *Phaedrus*



COU cannot extort friendship with a cocked pistol.
— *Sidney Smith*



LIFE is to be fortified by many friendships. To love and
to be loved is the greatest happiness of existence.

— *Sidney Smith*

NOT hate, but glory, made these chiefs contend;
And each brave foe was in his soul a friend.

— *Pope*



HE was once asked what is a friend, and his answer was,
“One soul abiding in two bodies.”

— *Diogenes*



WOMEN, like princes, find few real friends.

— *Lord Lyttleton*



NATURE teaches beasts to know their friends.

— *Shakespeare*



THIS is sweet, as year by year we lose
Friends out of sight, in faith to muse
How grows in Paradise our store.

— *John Keble*



IWOULD not enter on my list of friends
(Though graced with polished manners and fine sense,
Yet wanting sensibility) the man
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.

— *Cowper*

I AM no friend to purely psychological attachments. In some unknown future they may be satisfying, but in the present I want your words and your voice, with your thoughts, your looks, and your gestures to interpret your feelings. The warm strong grasp of Great-heart's hand is as dear to me as the steadfast fashion of his friendships.

— *Henry van Dyke*

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THE very idea of a worthy friendship implies that the friends need and desire each other; are sure that each has much to give to the other; and so are continuously receptive and eager for the other's gift. Unteachableness shuts one off from his friend's best gift.

— *Henry Churchill King*

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THE true friend seeks to give, not to take; to help, not to be helped; to minister, not to be ministered unto.

— *William Rader*

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EVERY man should have a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.

— *Henry Ward Beecher*

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IF your friend has got a heart,
There is something fine in him;
Cast away his darker part,—
Cling to what's divine in him.

THE HEART'S ANCHOR

THINK of me as your friend I pray,
And call me by a loving name;
I will not care what others say,
If only you remain the same.
I will not care how dark the night,
I will not care how wild the storm,
Your love will fill my heart with light
And shield me close and keep me warm.

Think of me as your friend, I pray,
For else my life is little worth:
So shall your memory light my way,
Although we meet no more on earth.
For while I know your faith secure,
I ask no happier fate to see:
Thus to be loved by one so pure
Is honor rich enough for me.

William Winter



I WONDER if there is anything in this world as beautiful as good, strong friendship between two men. They don't go round doing the mollycoddle act; they don't kiss each other every time they meet; in fact, they never do kiss each other, unless one is lying cold in death, but they are sure one knows the other is always going to stand by him, and they feel that no matter what happens, each can rely on the other.

GHEN brim the goblet and quaff the toast
 To a friend or two,
For glad the man who can always boast
 Of a friend or two;
The fairest sight is a friendly face,
The blithest tread is a friendly pace,
And heaven will be a better place
 For a friend or two.

— *Wilbur D. Nesbit*



AHAPPY bit hame this auld world would be,
 If men, when they're here, could make shift to agree,
An' ilk said to his neighbor, in cottage and ha',
"Come gi'e me your hand, we are brethren a'."

— *Robert Nicoll*



FEW men have strength to honor a friend's success without
 envy.

— *Aeschylus*



IT is more disgraceful to distrust than to be deceived by our
 friends.



GIS friends who make this desert world
 To blossom as the rose;
Strew flowers o'er our rugged path,
 Pour sunshine o'er our woes.

BE true to your word, your work, and your friend.



THINK of the importance of friendship in the education of men. It will make a man honest; it will make him a hero; it will make him a saint. It is the state of the just dealing with the just, the magnanimous with the magnanimous, the sincere with the sincere, man with man.

—Henry D. Thoreau



IWISH my deadly foe no worse
Than want of friends, and empty purse.

—Nicholas Breton



SOME friendships are made by nature, some by contract, some by interest and some by souls.

—Jeremy Taylor



BUT the best is the clasped hands of comrades when night-fall is near.

The best is the rest and the friendship, the calm of the soul,
When the stars are in heaven and the runner lies down at
the goal.

—Richard Hovey

I HEAR it was charged against me that I sought to destroy institutions,
But really I am neither for nor against institutions,
Only I will establish in Manahatta and in every city of these States, inland and seaboard,
And in the fields and woods, and above every keel little or large that dents the water,
The institution of the dear love of comrades.

— *Walt Whitman*



THE firmest friendships have been formed in mutual adversity, as iron is most strongly united by the fiercest flame.



MY friends have come unsought. The great God gave them to me.

— *Emerson*



E HE does good to himself, who does good to his friend.

— *Erasmus*



THE friendship between you and me I will not compare to a chain; for that the rains might rust, or the falling tree break.

— *George Bancroft*



OUR chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can. This is the service of a friend.

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

CEREMONY and great professing renders friendship as much suspected as it does religion.

— *Wycherley*



THE most familiar and intimate habitudes, connections, friendships, require a degree of good-breeding both to preserve and cement them.

— *Chesterfield*



FRIENDSHIP is a word the very sight of which in print makes the heart warm.

— *Augustine Birrell*



IT is chance that makes brothers, but hearts that make friends.



REAL friendship, like all best things, costs; but also like them, it pays.



LOVE will obtain and possess; friendship makes sacrifices, but asks nothing.

— *Emanuel von Geibel*



THE youth of friendship is better than its old age.

— *Hazlitt*



A MAN that hath friends must shew himself friendly.

— *The Book of Proverbs*

GHOOSE your friend wisely,
Test your friend well;
True friends, like rarest gems,
Prove hard to tell.
Winter him, Summer him,
Know your friend well.



SO that to be a true friend in every relation of life, seems
to be the sum of all. — *Henry Churchill King*



THE significance of a friendship must depend, first of all,
upon the significance of the persons concerned. Neither
can give anything essential but himself. That self, then, if
one seeks a friendship of real significance, ought to be the best
possible. — *Henry Churchill King*



WHAT is loving but wishing one to enjoy the best possi-
ble good fortune, even if none of it accrues to one's
self! — *Cicero*



ALL like the purchase; few the price will pay;
And this makes friends such miracles to-day.
— *Edward Young*



WHO seeks a faultless friend rests friendless.
— *Turkish Proverb*

BUT, after all, the very best thing in good talk, and the thing that helps most, is friendship. How it dissolves the barriers that divide us, and loosens all constraint, and diffuses itself like some fine old cordial through all the veins of life—this feeling that we understand and trust each other, and wish each other heartily well! Everything into which it really comes is good.

—*Henry van Dyke*



GOD never loved me in so sweet a way before.
"Tis He alone who can such blessings send.
And when His love would new expressions find,
He brought thee to me and He said—
"Behold a friend."



THE finest evidence of the genuineness of our friendship is the gladness with which we give ourselves for the enrichment of those whom we have admitted to our hearts.



LOVE knows no reserve. It never grows weary. It counts nothing a sacrifice. Its highest joy is in self-surrender. It gives gladly. It accepts reluctantly. Better, it says, to wear out in self-forgetting toil than to live long in complacent self-indulgence.



DE is a friend who in a difficulty helps by deeds, where there is need of deeds.

—*Plautus*

WE do not wish for friends to feed and clothe our bodies, — neighbors are kind enough for that — but to do the like office to our spirits. For this few are rich enough, however well disposed they may be.

— *Henry D. Thoreau*



FORSAKE not an old friend; for the new is not comparable to him; a new friend is as new wine; when it is old thou shalt drink with pleasure.

— *Proverbs*



AS in the fire the yellow gold is tried,
So friendship's faith can but be proved in time
Of dark adversity. — *Ovid*



EVERYONE can have a friend who himself knows how to be a friend. — *Old Saying*



ATRUE friend to a man is a friend to all his friends. — *Wycherley*



YOUTH is the season of friendships, when we are prodigal with our affections, and thus it happens that of all those bonds so thoughtlessly formed some endure. It is an instinct of the heart that provides a store for the winter.

— *Arthur S. Hardy*

GIVE, and you may keep your friend if you lose your money; lend, and the chances are that you lose your friend if ever you get back your money. — *Bulwer-Lytton*



FRIENDSHIP is an education. It draws the friend out of himself and all that is selfish and ignoble in him and leads him to life's higher levels of altruism and sacrifice. Many a man has been saved from a life of frivolity and emptiness to a career of noble service by finding at a critical hour the right kind of friend.



DEEPLE who have warm friends are healthier and happier than those who have none. A single real friend is a treasure worth more than gold or precious stones. Money can buy many things, good and evil. All the wealth of the world could not buy you a friend or pay you for the loss of one.



AFRIEND that you have to buy won't be worth what you pay for him, no matter what that may be.

— *George D. Prentice*



GO distrust a friend is a double folly. Trust is friendship.

— *Bryant A. Wooster*



FRIENDS slowly won are long held.

TO my friend I write a letter, and from him I receive a letter. That seems to be a little thing. It suffices me. It is a spiritual gift, worthy of him to give, and of me to receive. In these warm lines the heart will trust itself, as it will not to the tongue, and pour out the prophecy of a godlier existence than all the annals of heroism have yet made good.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



FIF words came as readily as ideas and ideas as feeling, I could say ten hundred kindly things. You know not my supreme happiness at having one on earth whom I can call a friend.

—Charles Lamb



FIF instead of a gem, or even a flower, we should cast the gift of rich thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels give.

—George MacDonald



MY friend is one whom I can associate with my choicest thoughts.

—Thoreau



FRIENDSHIP that flows from the heart cannot be frozen by adversity, as the water that flows from the spring cannot congeal in winter.

—James Fenimore Cooper



FRIENDSHIP, of itself a holy tie,
Is made more sacred by adversity. —Dryden

QAN friend lose friend? Believe it not!
The tissue whereof life is wrought,
Weaving the separate into one,
Nor end hath, nor beginning; spun
From subtle threads of destiny
Finer than thought of man can see.
God takes not back his gift divine,
While thy soul lives, thy friend is thine.

— *Lucy Larcom*



ILIVE for those who love me,
Whose hearts are kind and true,
For the human ties that bind me,
For the task by God assigned me,
For the bright hopes left behind me,
And the good that I can do.

— *George L. Banks*



TO have joy one must share it,—
Happiness was born a twin.

— *Byron*



HE who lives for himself alone, lives for a very mean fellow.



BE a friend to yersel, and ither will. — *Scotch Proverb*

FRIENDSHIP is usually treated by the majority of mankind as a tough and everlasting thing which will survive all manner of bad treatment. But this is an exceedingly great and foolish error; it may die in an hour of a single unwise word.

— *Ouida*



IDON'T meddle with what my friends believe or reject, any more than I ask whether they are rich or poor; I love them.

— *James Russell Lowell*



TO preserve a friend, three things are required: to honor him present, praise him absent, and assist him in his necessities.

— *Italian Proverb*



IF a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself left alone. A man, sir, should keep his friendships in constant repair.

— *Samuel Johnson*



WOULD you write a friendly letter?
Do it now.

It perchance may drive a shadow
From the brow
Of the one who will receive it,
And may tend
To bring kinder, happier feelings
To a friend.

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GHERE is no friend like the old friend who has shared our morning days,

No greeting like his welcome, no homage like his praise;
Fame is the scentless sunflower, with gaudy crown of gold;
But friendship is the breathing rose, with sweets in every fold.

— *Oliver Wendell Holmes*



IT is a good and safe rule to sojourn in every place as if you meant to spend your life there, never omitting an opportunity of doing a kindness, or speaking a true word, or making a friend.

— *John Ruskin*



WE call that person who has lost his father, an orphan; and a widower, that man who has lost his wife. And that man who has known that immense unhappiness of losing a friend, by what name do we call him? Here every human language holds its peace in impotence. — *Joseph Ricoux*



DE was a friend indeed,

With all a friend's best virtues shining bright;

It was no broken reed

You leaned on, when you trusted to his might.

— *W. H. Brickhead*



GHE art of life is to keep down acquaintances. One's friends one can manage, but one's acquaintances can be the devil! — *Edward Verrall Lucas*

BREAK not an ancient friendship; keep it hale;
Stir round its roots that it be green of heart;
Let not the spirit of its growth depart,
It is a power to brave the strongest gale.

— *William Wesley Martin*



THERE is an idea abroad among moral people that they should make their neighbors good. One person I have to make good: myself. But my duty to my neighbor is much more nearly expressed by saying that I have to make him happy—if I may.

— *Robert Louis Stevenson*



WHAT joy is better than the news of friends?

— *Robert Browning*



ONE of the most beautiful qualities of true friendship is to understand and to be understood.



THE comfort of having a friend may be taken away, but not that of having had one.

— *Seneca*



COMMON friendships will admit of division; one may love the beauty of this, the good humor of that person, the liberality of a third, the paternal affection of a fourth, the fraternal love of a fifth, and so on. But this friendship that possesses the whole soul, and there rules and sways with an absolute sovereignty, can admit of no rival. — *Montaigne*

GHOU goest thy way and I go mine;
Apart, yet not afar;
Only a thin veil hangs between
The pathways where we are;
And "God keep watch 'tween thee and me,"
This is my prayer;
He looks thy way. He looketh mine.
And keeps us near.

— *Julia A. Baker*



GOOD books, fine pictures, faithful friends; can one have
too many of them?



DEAR friend, I pray thee, if thou wouldest be proving
Thy strong regard for me,
Make me no vows. Lip service is not loving;
Let thy faith speak for thee.

— *Ella Wheeler Wilcox*



LARGE was his bounty, and his soul sincere,
Heaven did a recompense as largely send;
He gave to Misery (all he had) a tear;
He gained from Heaven ('twas all he wished) a friend.

— *Thomas Gray*



LOVE liveth upon hope,
Friendship upon memory.

— *Gassicourt*

FELLOWSHIP is heaven, and lack of fellowship is hell; fellowship is life, and lack of fellowship is death; and the deeds that ye do upon earth, it is for fellowship's sake that ye do them.

— *William Morris*



GIVE me the avowed, the erect, the manly foe;
Bold I can meet, perhaps may turn his blow;
But of all plagues, good Heaven, thy wrath can send,
Save, oh! save me from the Candid Friend!

— *George Channing*



IT is a good thing to be rich, and a good thing to be strong, but it is a better thing to be beloved of many friends.

— *Euripides*



IOFTEN find myself going back to Darwin's saying about the duration of a man's friendship being one of the best measures of his worth.

— *Anne Thackeray Ritchie*



GHESE things do not require to be spoken; there is something in the hand grip, and the look in the eye that makes you know your man.

— *C. Haddon Chambers*



HE will never have true friends who is afraid of making enemies.

William Hazlitt

ALTER? When the hills do!

Falter? When the sun

Questions if his glory

Be the perfect one!

Surfeit? When the Daffodil

Doth of the Dew,

Even as thyself, O, friend,

I will of you!

— *Emily Dickinson*

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REJOICE, and men will seek you;

Grieve, and they turn and go,

They want full measure of all your pleasure,

But they do not need your woe.

Be glad, and your friends are many;

Be sad, and you lose them all,—

There are none to decline your nectar'd wine,

But alone you must drink life's gall.

— *Ella Wheeler Wilcox*

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IT is my joy in life to find

At every turning of the road

The strong arms of a comrade kind

To help me onward with my load;

And since I have no gold to give,

And love alone must make amends,

My only prayer is, while I live —

God make me worthy of my friends.

— *Frank Dempster Sherman*

FRIENDSHIP is to be valued for what there is in it, not what can be gotten out of it. To seek friendship for its utility is as futile as to seek the end of a rainbow for its bag of gold. A true friend is always useful in the highest sense; but we should beware of thinking of our friends as brother members of a mutual benefit association, with its periodical demands and threats of suspension for non-payment of dues.

— *Trumbull*



IWOULD go up to the gates of hell with a friend,
Through thick and thin."

The other said, as he bit off a concha end,

"I would go in." — *John Ernest McCann*



AN open foe may prove a curse,
But a pretended friend is worse.

— *John Gay*



WHATEVER the number of a man's friends, there will be times in his life when he has one too few; but if he has only one enemy, he is lucky indeed, if he has not one too many.

— *Bulwer-Lytton*



THE ring of coin is often the knell of friendship.



DOWEVER rare true love is, true friendship is rarer.

— *La Rochefoucauld*

G HY friend will come to thee unsought
With nothing can his love be bought,
His soul thine own will know at sight,
With him thy heart can speak outright.
Greet him nobly, love him well,
Show him where your best thoughts dwell,
Trust him greatly and for aye;
A true friend comes but once your way.

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FRIENDSHIP is the essence and the aroma of life, distilled from human hearts that find in each other the understanding of the other's needs. It is this understanding that opens wide the doors of friendship and lets the heart pass through.

—E. O. G.

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BY sympathy I do not mean merely a fellowship in sorrow, but also, and no less truly, a fellowship in joy. To be glad when your brother men are prosperous and happy, to rejoice in their success, to cheer for their victories, to be compassionate and pitiful when your brother men are distressed and miserable, to grieve over their failures, to help them in their troubles — this is the fraternal spirit which blesses him who exercises it and those toward whom it is exercised.

—Henry van Dyke

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ADAY for toil, an hour for sport,
But for a friend — life is too short.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

BETTER, I said, to live and waste in living,
Than lie in useless sleep;
Who gives to others what is worth the giving,
Cannot both give and keep.

— *Joseph F. Berry*



TO keep a few friends, but these without capitulation —
above all, on the same grim condition, to keep friends
with himself — here is a task for all that a man has of fort-
itude and delicacy.

— *Robert Louis Stevenson*



IT is only the great-hearted who can be true friends; the
mean and the cowardly can never know what true friend-
ship is.

— *Charles Kingsley*



GHE only reward of virtue, is virtue: The only way to
have a friend is to be one.

— *Emerson*



JES' a-wearying for you,
All the time a-feelin' blue,
Restless — don't know what to do —
Jes' a-wearifyin' for you.

— *Frank L. Stanton*



GHE years have taught some sweet, some bitter lessons —
none wiser than this: to spend in all things else, but of
old friends to be most miserly.

— *Lowell*

LOVE is a sudden blaze, which soon decays;
Friendship is like the sun's eternal rays;
Not daily benefits exhaust the flame;
It still is giving, and still burns the same. — *Gay*



WE are the weakest of spendthrifts if we let one friend drop off through inattention, or let one push away another, or if we hold aloof from one for petty jealousy or heedless roughness. Would you throw away a diamond because it pricked you? One good friend is not to be weighed against all the jewels of the earth.



AND though a coat may a button lack,
And though a face be sooty and black,
And though rough words in a speech may blend,
A heart's a heart, and a friend's a friend.

— *Will Carleton*



NONE who is a friend to everybody is nobody's friend.

— *Spanish Proverb*



IF I had the time to learn from you,
How much for comfort my word could do,
Brothers, the souls of us all would chime
If we had the time! — *Richard Burton*

OLD books, old wine, old Nankin blue,
All things, in short, to which belong
The charm, the grace that Time makes strong,
All things I prize but (*entre nous*)
Old friends are best.

— *Austin Dobson*



THERE are evergreen men and women in the world, praise be to God! — not many of them, but a few. The sun of our prosperity makes the green of their friendship no brighter, the frost of our adversity kills not the leaves of their affection.

— *Jerome K. Jerome*



FOR believe me, in this world which is ever slipping from under our feet, it is the prerogative of friendship to grow old with one's friends.

— *Arthur S. Hardy*



THE unfinished friendships of this life are at once its dearest experiences and most glorious hopes.

— *Elizabeth Stuart Phelps*



ABOVE our life we love a steadfast friend.

— *Marlowe*



WE never know the true value of friends. While they live, we are too sensitive to their faults; when we have lost them, we see only their virtues. — *J. C. and A. W. Hare*

BY friendship, I mean the greatest love and the greatest usefulness, and the most open communication and the noblest suffering, and the most exemplary faithfulness, and the severest truth, and the heartiest counsel, and the greatest union of minds of which brave men and women are capable.

—*Jeremy Taylor*



FRIENDS are the Ancient and Honorable of the earth. The oldest men did not begin friendship. It is older than Hindustan and the Chinese Empire. How long it has been cultivated, and still it is the staple article! It is a divine league forever struck.

—*Henry D. Thoreau*



A TRUE test of friendship,— to sit or walk with a friend for an hour in perfect silence without wearying of one another's company.

—*Dinah Muloch Craik*



IT is not enough to love those who are near and dear to us. We must show them that we do so. —*Lord Avebury*.



ACROWD is not a company, and faces are but a gallery of pictures, and talk but a tinkling cymbal, where there is no love.

—*Francis Bacon*



THE making of friends, who are real friends, is the best token we have of a man's success in life. —*Hale*

GHERE are three friendships which are advantageous, and three which are injurious. Friendship with the upright; friendship with the sincere, and friendship with the man of observation: these are advantageous. Friendship with the man of specious airs; friendship with the insinuatingly soft, and friendship with the glib tongue: these are injurious.

— *Confucius*



GO work, to help and to be helped, to learn sympathy through suffering, to learn faith by perplexity, to reach truth through wonder,—behold! this is what it is to prosper, this is what it is to live.

— *Phillips Brooks*



FRIENDSHIP is a strong and habitual inclination in two persons to promote the good and happiness of each other.

— *Joseph Addison*



GHE first foundation of friendship is not the power of conferring benefits, but the equality with which they are received, and may be returned.

— *Funius*



GRIEF knits two hearts in closer bonds than happiness ever can; and common sufferings are far stronger links than common joys.

— *Lamartine*



GALKING with a friend is nothing else but thinking aloud.

— *Addison*

THE friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
Grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel;
But do not dull the palm with entertainment
Of each new-hatched, unfledged comrade.



WERE I made to prognosticate the future of man, I would
first put my ear to his heart.

— *Alfred Henry Lewis*



IHAD three chairs in my house; one for solitude, two for
friendship, three for society. — *Henry David Thoreau*



WANTING to have a friend is altogether different from
wanting to be a friend. — *Miller*



LIFE hath no joy like his who fights with Fate
Shoulder to shoulder with a stricken friend.

— *Watts-Dunton*



JUDGE before friendship, then confide till death.

— *Young*



FRIENDS are lost by calling often and calling seldom.

I AM like one of those boxes I have seen, enclosing several boxes of similar form though lessening in size. The person with whom I have the least congeniality sees only the outermost. Another person has something more interesting in his character; he sees the next box. Another sees still the inner one. But the friend of my heart, with whom I have full sympathy, sees the innermost of all. — *John Foster*



WE do not make friends as we make houses, but discover them as we do the arbutus, under the leaves of our lives, concealed in our experience. — *William Rader*



ENTREAT me not to leave thee, nor to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God. Where thou diest I will die, and there I will be buried; the Lord do so to me and more also, if aught but death parts thee and me.

— *Ruth to Naomi*



AFRIEND'S frown is better than a fool's smile.



GOD preserve me from my friends; from my enemies I will preserve myself.

OUR home is where our friends abide. We are lonely in the crowded city, if our friends are not there; we are contented in the desert wild, if our friends are about us. In true friendship is our inspiration of the present, our hope of the future. When our friends are all gone, our achievements are ended.

— *Charles Edward Locke*



FRIENDSHIP — *our* friendship — is like the beautiful shadows of evening.

Spreading and growing till life and its light pass away.

— *Michael Vitkovics*



THAT friendship will not continue to the end that is begun for an end.

— *Francis Quarles*



AFRIEND is one who incessantly pays us the compliment of expecting from us all the virtues, and who can appreciate them in us.

— *Henry D. Thoreau*



NO man is sufficient for himself, and therefore; Nature teacheth him to desire an helper, — wherefore friendship.

— *Richard Baxter*



NOTHING makes the earth seem so spacious as to have friends at a distance; they make the latitudes and longitudes.

— *Henry D. Thoreau*

THAT man may last, but never lives,
Who much receives but nothing gives;
Whom none can love, whom none can thank,
Creation's blot, creation's blank. — *Thomas Gibbons*



ABENEVOLENT man should allow a few faults in himself, to keep his friends in countenance.

— *Benjamin Franklin*



IT is well that there is no one without a fault, for he would not have a friend in the world.

— *William Hazlitt*



TIS thus in friendship; who depends
On many, rarely finds a friend.

— *John Gay*



TRUE happiness
Consists not in the multitude of friends,
But in their worth and choice.

— *Ben Jonson*



REACH your hand to me, my friend,
With its heartiest caress —

WE dreamed of giving, and lo! the bounds of life have been pushed out for us, and all life enlarged. We thought of losing life; we never found life before. And so, in one way or another, in the midst of the providential relations of life, we seem almost to stumble as by accident upon the sole riches of unselfish love, that in our selfishness we could not have insight enough to choose for its own sake. And then we know what a friend, what love means.

— *Henry Churchill King*



THE man who will share his purse with you in the days of poverty and distress, and like the good Samaritan, be surety for your support to the landlord, you may admit to your confidence, incorporate into the very core of your heart, and call him friend; misfortunes cannot shake him from you; a prison will not conceal you from his sight.



AFRIEND is dearer than the light of heaven; for it would be better for us that the sun were extinguished, than that we should be without friends.

— *Saint Chrysostom*



IF, as a mere matter of strength and resource, I were to face life with the choice of either a fortune or friends, I would choose the latter as more helpful.

— *Theodore Munger*

LONG have the poets vaunted, in their lays,
Old times, old loves, old friendships, and old wine
Why should the old monopolize all praise?
Then let the new claim mine. — *Ella Wheeler Wilcox*



THAT two men may be real friends, they must have opposite opinions, similar principles, and different loves and hatreds. — *Chateaubriand*



THE more we love, the better we are; and the greater our friendships are, the dearer we are to God.

— *Jeremy Taylor*



AND it brooks wi' nae denial,
That the dearest friends are auldest friends,
And the young are just on trial.

— *Robert Louis Stevenson*



LET me live in a house by the side of the road
Where the race of men goes by —
The men who are good, and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scorner's seat
Or hurl the cynic's ban —
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

— *Sam Walter Foss*

IPITY from my heart the man who has no pattern-man whom he can thoroughly admire and esteem. Admire, yes, wonder at, look at, as something beyond, above, and truly better than himself; honoring his friend so purely that he himself is purified and dignified by the worthiness of the honor he bestows.

—*Phillips Brooks*



GOOD friends are better than fine gold!

I find it sweet as I grow old
To prove to you this happy truth
To which I held in early youth,
And having proved, shall ever hold:
Good friends are better than fine gold!

—*A. J. Granniss*



I'VE often wished that I had clear
For life, six-hundred pounds a year,
A handsome house to lodge a friend,
A river at my garden's end.

—*Jonathan Swift*



AN old friendship is like an old piece of china. It is precious only just so long as it is perfect. Once it is broken, no matter how cleverly you mend it, it is good for nothing but to put on a shelf in a corner where it won't be too closely looked at.

—*Amelia B. Edwards*

ATTENTION to detail is the secret of success in every sphere of life, and little kindnesses, little acts of considerateness, little appreciations, little confidences, are all that most of us are called upon to perform, but they are all that are needed to keep the friendship sweet.

— *Hugh Black*



WOULDST have a friend? — wouldest know what friend is best?

Have God thy friend: He passeth all the rest.

— *James Whitcomb Riley*



AND do as adversaries do in law,
Strive mightily, but eat and drink as friends.

— *Shakespeare*



EVEN the utmost good-will and harmony and practical kindness are not sufficient for friendship, for friends do not live in harmony merely, as some say, but in melody.

— *Henry D. Thoreau*



FEAR is my friend — yet from my foe, as from my friend, comes good;

My friend shows what I can do, and my foe what I should.

— *Friedrich von Schiller*

O WHO will walk a mile with me
Along life's merry way?
A comrade blithe and full of glee,
Who dares to laugh out loud and free.

O who will walk a mile with me
Along life's weary way?
A friend whose heart has eyes to see
The stars shine out o'er the darkling lea.

With such a comrade, such a friend,
I fain would walk till journey's end,
Through summer sunshine, winter rain,
And then? Farewell, we shall meet again!

— *Henry van Dyke*



THE wealth of a man is the number of things which he loves and blesses, which he is loved and blessed by.

— *Thomas Carlyle*



FROM friend to friend the choicest gift
That ever love can give,
Is that which comes the heart to lift,
Or help the soul to live.
Of all fair bounties ever sought,
Of gems or jewels rare,
What treasure like a friendly thought
Or love's far-reaching prayer.— *Mary Mapes Dodge*

SOME people keep a friend as children have a toy bank, into which they drop little coins now and again; and some day they draw out the whole of their savings at once.



IF you would know how rare a thing a true friend is, let me tell you that to be a true friend a man must be perfectly honest.

— *Henry W. Shaw*



TWO people who are friends make themselves responsible for each other. If I had a friend, and he went to the band, and I met him in rags and poverty and disgrace, and if it ruined me to own him and help him, I should have to do it. If two men are really friends, nothing can come between them.

— *David Christie Murray*



TAKE heed of thy friends. A faithful friend is a strong defense; and he that hath found such a one hath found a treasure. Nothing doth countervail a faithful friend, and his excellency is invaluable.

— *Proverbs*



DEN only become friends by a community of pleasures. He who cannot be softened into gaiety, cannot be easily melted into kindness.

— *Johnson*



IALWAYS avoid contention, but if it shall happen, I had rather lose my money than my friend.

— *Erasmus*

ALONZO OF ARAGON was wont to say in commendation of age, that age appears to be best in four things — old wood to burn, old wines to drink, old friends to trust, and old authors to read.

— *Francis Bacon*



TRUE friends visit us in prosperity, only when invited, but in adversity they come without invitation.

— *Theophrastus*



THE friendship which has no gift of sacrifice is not the ideal. If it fail at the point of sacrifice, it fails at the vital point.

— *William Rader*



IN other words, friendship consists in being a friend, not in having a friend; in giving one's affections unselfishly and unreservedly to another.

— *H. C. Trumbull*



AFAITHFUL and true friend is a living treasure, estimable in possession, and deeply to be lamented when gone. Nothing is more common than to talk of a friend; nothing more difficult than to find one.

— *Robert Hall*



THE difficulty is not so great to die for a friend, as to find a friend worth dying for.

— *Home*

THERE is that in our characters which can never be seen except in our writings; in fact, if you told your best friend half of what you put upon paper he would yawn in your face or he would think you a fool.

— *Edward Bulwer-Lytton*



WE were friends from the first moment. Sincere attachments usually begin at the beginning.

— *Joseph Jefferson*



PEOPLE who always receive you with great cordiality rarely care for you. Your true friends make you a partaker of their humors.

— *Manley H. Pike*



THE man who has reached middle life with half a dozen friends — real friends, who will bear all the tests of friendship — is rarely fortunate. One or two such friends are all that most of us can hope to win, and we may count ourselves rich with them.



ALL men have their different objects of ambition — horses, dogs, money, honor, as the case may be, but for my own part I would rather have a good friend than all these put together.

— *Socrates*

I NEVER ask God, or hardly ever, for outward things; I do not know that I ever asked Him for glory and honor, and I hope I never shall; and I very seldom ask Him for material things apart from the kingdom; but I sometimes say things like this, that if God will give me three or four good friends, I think I can manage to continue to the end, because love is the machinery of life and the motive power.

— *Rendel Harris*



GHERE are three faithful friends—an old wife, an old dog, and ready money.

— *Franklin*



ITHINK the great strength of friendship consists more in liking the same things than in liking each other.

— *Henry W. Shaw*



IF there has come to us the miracle of friendship; if there is a soul to which our soul has been drawn, it is surely worth while being loyal and true.

— *Hugh Black*



STRIKE hands with me, the glasses brim, the sun is on the heather

And love is good and life is long and two are best together.

— *Edward Wrightman*

THE ruins of old friendships are a more melancholy spectacle to me than those of isolated palaces. They exhibit the heart that was once lighted up with joy all damp and deserted and haunted by those birds of ill omen that only nestle in ruins.



FRIENDSHIP survives death better than absence.



FRIENDSHIP based solely upon gratitude is like a photograph; with time it fades.



ANIMALS are such agreeable friends—they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms. —*George Eliot*



FRIENDSHIP often ends in love; but love in friendship never. —*Caleb Colton*



FRIENDSHIP made in a moment is of no moment. —*Proverb*



WHEN you make a new friend, think of the future enemy who is already in him.

DIS gain is loss, for he that wrongs his friend
Wrongs himself more, and ever bears about
A silent court of justice in his breast,
Himself a judge and jury, and himself
The prisoner at the bar, ever condemned.



FRIEND is a word of Royal tone;
Friend is a Poem all alone.

— *A Persian Poet*



BROKEN friendship may be soldered, but never made sound.



AFRIEND may well be reckoned the masterpiece of Nature.



AS the yellow gold is tried in fire, so the faith of a friendship must be seen in adversity. — *Ovid*



FRIENDSHIP is immeasurably better than kindness, — *Cicero*



IWOULD that I were worthy to be any man's friend. — *Henry D. Thoreau*



JUDGE not thy friend until thou standest in his place. — *Rabbi Hillel*

FRIENDSHIP is the holiest of gifts;
God can bestow nothing more sacred upon us!
It enhances every joy, mitigates every pain.
Everyone can have a friend,
Who himself knows how to be a friend. — *Tiedge*



AMAN'S love is the measure of his fitness for good or bad company here or elsewhere. Men are tattooed with their special beliefs, like so many South Sea Islanders; but a real human heart with divine love in it, beats with the same glow under all patterns of all earth's thousand tribes.



FAIN'T heart never won true friend. O my friend, may it come to pass, once, that when you are my friend I may be yours. — *Henry D. Thoreau*



MY friend is not perfect—no more am I—and so we suit each other admirably. — *Pope*



IKNOW not whether our names will be immortal; I am sure our friendship will. — *Walter Landor*



FRIENDS are like melons. Shall I tell you why?
To find one good, you must a hundred try.

— *Claude Monet*

DE who would enjoy many friends and live happy in this world, should be deaf, dumb, and blind to the follies and vices of it.

— *Edward Moore*



FRIENDSHIP is a wide portal, and sometimes admits love.

— *Anna Katherine Green*



JOUR name may flaunt a titled trail,
Proud as a cockerel's rainbow tail;
And mine as brief appendix wear
As Tam O'Shanter's luckless mare;
Today, old friend, remember still
That I am Joe and you are Bill.

How Bill forgets his hour of pride,
While Joe sits smiling at his side;
How Joe in spite of time's disguise,
Finds the old schoolmate in his eyes,—
Those calm, stern eyes that melt and fill
As Joe looks fondly up at Bill.

— *Oliver Wendell Holmes*



GREATER love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend.

ONLY he who is unwilling to love without being loved, is likely to feel that there is no such thing as friendship in the world.

— *H. C. Trumbull*



WHAT'S the good of money if it ain't to help a friend out with? I believe in friends, I do. Here we go hopping around this little world for a small time, and then that's done. S'pose you ain't got any real friends for the trip? Rotten, I say!

— *Henry Wallace Phillips*



ONE must shed his blood to serve his friends and to avenge himself upon his enemies; otherwise he is not worthy of the name of man.

— *Voltaire*



B E N E D I C I T E

TURN my pages — never mind
If you like not all you find;
Think not all the grains are gold
Sacramento's sand-banks hold.

Best for worst shall make amends,
Find us, keep us, leave us friends,
Till, perchance, we meet again.
Benedicite — Amen!

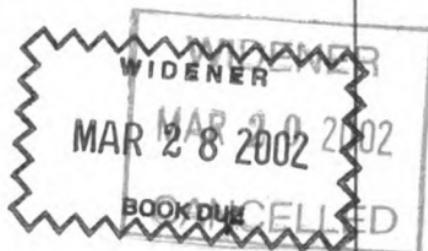
— *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

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